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SUBJ: SOMALI NEWSPAPER STEPS UP ATTACKS ON ETHIOPIA, U.S.

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1. SOMALIA'S "INDEPENDENT" WEEKLY L'AVANGUARDIA-HORSEID (FORMERLY VANGUARD) IN RECENT WEEKS HAS STEPPED UP ITS SHARP ATTACKS ON BOTH ETHIOPIA AND U.S. FOR EXAMPLE, LENGTHLY EDITORIAL JULY 13 ENTITLED "AFRICAN CONTINENT AND EUROPEAN DETENTE" ACCUSED ETHIOPIA OF BEING IN SAME CATEGORY AS RHODESIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL, I.E., "PUPPETS" OF IMPERIALISM. EDITORIAL DRAWS HEAVILY ON JUNE 24 LE FIGARO ARTICLE REPORTEDLY STATING THAT ISRAEL ENCOURAGED ETHIOPIA TO LAUNCH SURPRISE ATTACK ON SOMALIA IN MAY. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT U.S., WHICH IT CARGES HAS 10,000 MILITARY AND CIVILIAN EXPERTS HELPING ETHIOPIAN ARMY, IS USING ISRAEL AND ETHIOPIA TO PROMOTE ITS OWN INTERESTS UNDER "NIXON DOCTRINE."

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2. EDITORIAL ALSO DENIGRATES ETHIOPIAN MILITARY PROWESS

STATING THAT ETHIOPIANS IN 1964 HAD FLED NOT ONLY FROM REGULAR SOMALI ARMY UNITS, BUT EVEN FROM "DISORGANIZED AND POORLY ARMED SOMALI NOMADS." SOMALI ARMY, EDITORIAL NOTES, NOW BETTER EQUIPPED AND READY TO DEFEND COUNTRY.

3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT SEEN TEXT, WE UNDERSTAND ETHIOPIANS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE JULY 13 WHICH REPLIED TO AND PROTESTED RECENT SOMALI "PROPAGANDA". ETHIOPIAN CHARGE TELLS US THAT GSDR OFFICIALS IN TURN HAVE INFORMALLY PROTESTED EHTIOPIAN STATEMENT, TAKING USUAL LINE THAT L'AVANGUARDIA IS "PRIVATE" AND NOT SUBJECT TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING TRANSLATIONS OF SEVERAL RECENT ARTICLES TO DEPARTMENT AND ADDIS.
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